

Grade 6	Month Grade 6	Unit Overview	Essential Questions	Unit Skills and Understandings	Performance Based Assessment
	September/October Unit 1 CodeX Stories of Survival	The narrators of the story, poem, and memoir in this unit all successfully confront their fears.	How are people shaped by the challenges they face?	Comprehension identify evidence, key ideas and details, craft and structure Academic Vocabulary word study, context clues, base words and suffixes	Write a short story in which a character from one of the Unit texts faces another challenging experience.
	November/December Unit 2 - Unit 6 CodeX History: Lost and Found	The authors of these texts examine how new discoveries about ancient societies reveal hidden secrets and teach us about the past.	How can ancient history teach us about our world today?	Comprehension identify evidence, key ideas and details, summarize, craft and structure Academic Vocabulary word study, connotation, roots and prefixes	Compare and contrast how these writers convey historical importance of recent discoveries. How does each writer support his perspective?
	January/February Unit 3 - Unit 3 CodeX World Wonders	In these informative articles, students will consider some of the world's greatest monuments them.	Do we have a duty to preserve world wonders for future generations?	Comprehension identify evidence, key ideas and details, craft and structure Word study: references, root words Speaking and Listening Collaborate and present: debate	Make an argument for the value of preserving one of the world wonders. Support your claim with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
	March/April Unit 4 - Unit 4 CodeX Coming to America	In these texts, readers learn about two immigrant experiences in two diverse American communities.	What do experiences with others teach people about themselves?	Comprehension identify evidence, key ideas and details, summarize, craft and structure Academic Vocabulary Word study: Context Clues, Roots and suffixes	Write an essay to compare and contrast the authors' purposes and perspectives. Explain the strategies they use in their writing.
	May/June Unit 5 - Unit 5 CodeX Cities of Gold	In these texts, readers discover how cities-real and imagined-define individuals and communities.	Why does place matter?	Comprehension: Identify evidence, key ideas and details, craft and structure Academic Vocabulary: Word study: parts of speech, word families	Choose one writer. Argue which narrative strategies best convey the author's perspectives about the city.